

Amendments to the Claims

1. **(Original)** A feed additive composition for ruminants which has a biologically active substance coated with a coating composition,

wherein the coating composition comprises:

at least one protective material selected from the group consisting of a hardened animal fat, a hardened vegetable oil, a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated aliphatic monocarboxylic acid having 12 to 22 carbon atoms, a fatty acid ester, and a wax group;

lecithin; and

at least one preservative selected from a propionic acid or a salt thereof, a sorbic acid or a salt thereof, a benzoic acid or a salt thereof, a dehydroacetic acid or a salt thereof, parahydroxybenzoic acid esters, an imazalil, a thiabendazole, an orthophenyl phenol, an orthophenyl phenol natrium, and a diphenyl.

2. **(Original)** The feed additive composition for ruminants as recited in claim 1, wherein a content of the preservative is in a range of from 0.01 to 2.0% by weight.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The feed additive composition for ruminants as recited in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the preservative is a propionic acid or a salt thereof.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The feed additive composition for ruminants as recited in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 3~~, wherein the biologically active substance contains at least a lysine hydrochloride.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The feed additive composition for ruminants as recited in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 4~~, wherein the protective material contains at least a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated aliphatic monocarboxylic acid having 12 to 22 carbon atoms.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The feed additive composition for ruminants as recited in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 5~~, wherein the linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated aliphatic monocarboxylic acid having 12 to 22 carbon atoms is a stearic acid.

7. **(Currently Amended)** The feed additive composition for ruminants as recited in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 6, wherein a mean particle size of the biologically active substance is in a range of from 1 to 150 μm .

8. **(Currently Amended)** The feed additive composition for ruminants as recited in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 7, wherein a content of the lecithin is in a range of from 0.1 to 10.0% by weight.

9. **(Currently Amended)** The feed additive composition for ruminants as recited in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 8, wherein a content of the biologically active substance is in a range of from 1 to 50% by weight.

10. **(Currently Amended)** The feed additive composition for ruminants as recited in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 9, wherein the feed additive composition is made by a granulated injection melt liquid injected into air for granulation, the injection melt liquid being a melt blending liquid constituting the coating composition in which the biologically active substance is dispersed and/or dissolved.

11. **(Original)** The feed additive composition for ruminants as recited in claim 10, wherein the feed additive composition for ruminants obtained by granulation through injection is in a spherical form.

12. **(Currently Amended)** Feed containing the feed additive composition for ruminants as recited in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 11.

13. **(Original)** A method of fabricating a feed additive composition for ruminants, comprising the steps of:

preparing a melt liquid constituting a protective material, adjusted at from 50 to 90°C., the melt liquid containing:

at least one substance selected from the group consisting of a hardened animal fat, a hardened vegetable oil, and a wax group;

lecithin; and

a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated aliphatic monocarboxylic acid or a salt thereof having 12 to 22 carbon atoms, individually or in a mixture of two or more;

dispersing and/or dissolving a biologically active substance in the melt liquid to produce an injection melt liquid; and

granulating through injecting the injection melt liquid into air at liquid temperature of from 50 to 90°C.

14. **(Original)** The method of fabricating a feed additive composition for ruminants as recited in claim 13, wherein a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated aliphatic monocarboxylic acid or a salt thereof having 12 to 22 carbon atoms is a stearic acid.

15. **(Currently Amended)** The method of fabricating a feed additive composition for ruminants as recited in claim 13-~~or 14~~, wherein the feed additive composition contains at least a taurine and/or a betaine, to constitute a biologically active substance.

16. **(Currently Amended)** The method of fabricating a feed additive composition for ruminants as recited in ~~any of claims~~ claim 13-~~to 15~~, wherein the feed additive composition is further blended with at least one selected from the group consisting of a propionic acid or a salt thereof, a sorbic acid or a salt thereof, a benzoic acid or a salt thereof, a dehydroacetic acid or a salt thereof, paraoxybenzoic esters, an imazalil, a thiabendazole, an orthophenyl phenol, an orthophenyl phenol natrium, and a diphenyl, to constitute a preservative.